

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has copied the claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,425,919, which issued July 30, 2002; No. 6,482,235, which issued November 19, 2002; and No. 6,508,839, which issued January 21, 2003, for the purpose of provoking an interference with all three patents. Newly submitted claims 19-38 correspond to claims 1-20 of the '919 patent; newly submitted claims 39-66 correspond to claims 1-28 of the '235 patent; and newly submitted claims 67-84 correspond to claims 1-18 of the '919 patent.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

John G. Posa

Reg. No. 37,424

Gifford, Krass, Groh, Sprinkle,

Anderson &amp; Citkowski, PC

280 N. Old Woodward Ave., Ste 400

Birmingham, MI 48009

(734) 913-9300 FAX (734) 913-6007

Date: July 30, 2003